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CASHLESS ACTUATED GAMING  
SYSTEM

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Applicants wish to file this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") under 37 CFR §1.97(b). This disclosure is also accompanied by two copies of Form PTO 1449 and a copy of each cited reference. Twenty-eight (28) references are enclosed.

In the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION section of the above-identified patent application, it is disclosed that prior slot machines issued paper tickets that encode the amount of credit pending in the slot machine when the player presses the cash out button. Such tickets may be reinserted into a new slot machine. See page 4, third paragraph of the application. Attached are two tickets (labeled C1 and C2) which were dispensed from a slot machine and

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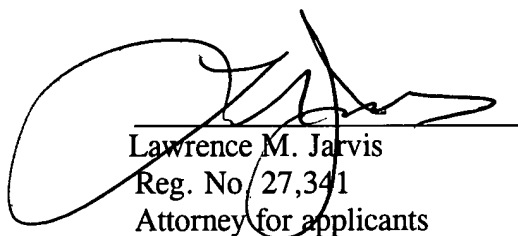
which may be reinserted into the same or another slot machine. A bar code was printed on the face of the ticket by a printer within the slot machine when the player cashed out.

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits of the application, no fee is due. However, in the event that any fees are required for the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0017 in the name of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.

This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, based on the facts stated above. The Examiner is requested to initial both copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 (modified) and return one copy to the applicants to indicate consideration of the enclosed references.

Respectfully submitted,

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